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HONGKONG.
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

Entertainment.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE FIRST CONCERT of the Season
will take place on MONDAY, the 7th
JANUARY, 1878, the Proceeds of which will
be devoted to the FUND for Relieving the
FAMINE in the NORTH of CHINA.

Hongkong, December 18, 1877.

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A THIRD and FINAL BONUS of Five
per cent. upon Contributions for the
year 1876, will be payable on MONDAY,
the 31st instant.

Warrants may be had on application at
the Office of the Society, on and after the
29th instant.

By Order of the Board,
E. MOORE,
Act. Secretary,
Hongkong, December 21, 1877.

NOTICE.

D. STOUT expects to leave the Colony
PERMANENTLY about the 20th
of January, 1878.
Hongkong, December 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS begs to say that he has
RETURNED, and is now ready to
receive Patients.

Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE,

ECONOMICAL,

SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-
wide reputation of our Oil, certain
parties have attempted to imitate our pack-
age. Suits at law have been instituted
against the MAKERS AND PURCHASERS of
these imitations. Persons should be careful
to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRIL-
LIANT" are stamped on the case, and the
words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS"
are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING CO.,
50 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be
Closed on TUESDAY AND WED-
NESDAY, the 25th and 26th Inst., and
TUESDAY, the 1st January, 1878.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"

O. MORLAND KERR, Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of
India, London and China."

W. P. NICHOLSON, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China."

R. I. HARPER, Manager.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation."

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd."

G. E. THOMSON, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, December 21, 1877.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In re GEORGE GRAHAM, a Bankrupt.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEET-
ING of the CREDITORS of the said

GEORGE GRAHAM will be held pursuant
to the 151st Section of the Bankruptcy

Ordinance, in the Supreme Court House on

THURSDAY the 3rd day of January, 1878,

at 11 o'clock, in the Forenoon, before me

The Hon. CHARLES BUSH PLUNKET,

Registrar of the Supreme Court, the Officer

appointed by the Court sitting in Bank-
ruptcy.

Proofs of Debts will be received and
Creditors who have not proved, or who
shall not then prove, will be excluded from
the benefit of any Dividend that may be
declared, and all Claims not proved will be
disallowed.

C. B. PLUNKET,
Registrar,

Dated 22nd December, 1877.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of LEE HIEE, Deceased.

ASHHUE,

ALEXANDER MURRAY,

HO CHING LEE,

ALEXANDER MORRISON

JOHN PHILLIP DONALD-
SON,

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS, BY WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co., Late Manager of the NOVELTY IRON WORKS, Hongkong.

Wm. DUNPHY.
Hongkong, December 10, 1877. de10

NOTICE.

M R. CHARLES DAVID BOTTMOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

NOTICE.

THE Business of SHARE and GENERAL BROKER, hitherto conducted in my name, will now be carried on under the Style of COHEN & HEATON, Mr. ALEXANDER MACGLASHAN HEATON having This Day become a PARTNER therein.

CHAS. C. COHEN.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. ja1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. WILLIAM LEGGE as a PARTNER in my Business, which will henceforth be conducted under the Style of HUGHES & LEGGE.

W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. ja1

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES AYTON MANN is authorized to Sign our Firm by Procurator.

GEPP & Co.,
Canton, November 1, 1877. ja1

INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, December 12, 1877. ja1

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th Instant, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON,
Manager.
Hongkong, December 1, 1877. de23

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.
TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the SECRETARY of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 15, 1877. ap1

K WONG HING, OREUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS, Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr AHYON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr FAT JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877. mc19

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1869.

In H. M. PROVINCIAL COURT AT AMOY. In the matter of proceedings for Liquidation by arrangement or composition with Creditors instituted by JOHN DODD and CRAWFORD DAVISON KERR, trading under the Style of DODD & Co., at AMOY and TAMSUI.

NOTICE is hereby given that a First MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Persons has been summoned to be Held at Messrs DODD & Co.'s Offices, Amoy, on the 29th day of December instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1877.

JOHN DODD,
CRAWFORD D. KERR,
by his Attorney,
J. DODD.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.
No. 79.

CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT. Temporary Withdrawal of the "Tungsha" Light-boat.

NOTICE is hereby given that on or about the 1st JANUARY next, the "Tungsha" Light-boat will be REMOVED from her Station for REPAIRS. As soon as Repaired she will Return to her old moorings.

Temporary Light-boat.

During the withdrawal of the "Tungsha" a fixed white light, visible in clear weather about 8 miles, will be exhibited from a Light-boat made fast to the "Tungsha's" moorings.

In foggy weather a gong will be sounded at one minute intervals.

The hull is painted red, and the ball on the mast is 3 feet in diameter and painted black.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief,
Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,
Shanghai, December 14, 1877. de27

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fe20

NOTICE.

THE Attention of Shippers and others interested in trade to Peru is called to the following clauses of the Supreme Decree of the President of the Republic of Peru, dated Lima, 4th April, 1877.

Art. 1. Merchandise shipped to the ports of Peru must be accompanied by invoices (in Spanish) certified to by the Peruvian Consul at the port of shipment in accordance with Art. 188 of the Consular Regulations.

Art. 2. Merchandise when shipped via one or more foreign ports for a port in Peru must be accompanied by a special manifest (in Spanish) in addition to the invoice certified to by the Peruvian Consul in accordance with Art. 187 of Consular Regulations.

Art. 3. Merchandise for which no certified invoice is presented, as required by Articles 188 and 187 of the Consular Regulations, and Art. 1 of this decree, will be subject to a surcharge of 25 per cent of the duty upon it as determined by the tariff. Merchandise entitled to enter free of duty will be taxed 25 per cent on its total value.

Art. 4. The Master of any vessel who enters a port of Peru without the documents of his vessel being duly certified to by the Consul for the Republic at the port from whence he cleared, in conformity with Articles 187 and 201 of the Consular Regulations, will be liable to a fine of from \$100 to \$1000 according to the importance of the case, and the judgment of the Commissioners of Customs, without prejudice to the spirit of Article 28 of the Code of Commerce.

H. SEYMOUR GEARY,
Consul for Peru.
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IN THE GOODS OF
JAMES SMITH FERRIES,
Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES, late Master of the S. S. "ZEALANDIA," who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel, on the 8th day of February, 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of whose personal Estate were duly granted to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of September 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN at his address aforesaid, or to the Undersigned. WILLIAM HENRY BAKERSON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BAKERSON, 29 Queen's Road, Hongkong, or before the 15th day of January, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said JAMES SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has then had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose Claim the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877.
WM. H. BRERETON,
Solicitor for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN.
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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY.
The Steamship
"ESMERALDA"

will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
J. Y. V. SHAW.

Hongkong, December 24, 1877. de26

MONTHLY LINE.

THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

For COOKTOWN and SYDNEY, taking Cargo and Passengers for all AUSTRALIAN and NEW ZEALAND Ports.

The Company's Chartered Steamer
"OCEAN".

JOHN C. JAQUES, Commander, will load for the above Ports, and be despatched on THURSDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1877. de27

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.

The Steamship
"NOEMABY"

will be despatched as above on SATURDAY Next, the 29th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1877. de28

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling at the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer
"BRISBANE"

will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1877. de29

FOR THE CHINA TRADE.

The British steamer RADHORST reports:

First part strong N.E. wind, latter part strong Northerly winds.

The British steamer RADHORST reports:

Light winds and very fine weather all the passage until Friday last (27th Inst.). Had a very heavy gale from the N.W. and tremendous sea, lost a whole suit of sails and washed in main hatch. Wind yesterday fresh gale from the N.E. and very high cross sea.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American 3-m. schooner Marion reports: First part strong N.E. wind, latter part cloudy weather during the passage.

The British ship City of Halifax reports:

Light winds and very fine weather all the

passage until Friday last (27th Inst.). Had

a very heavy gale from the N.W. and

tremendous sea, lost a whole suit of sails

and washed in main hatch. Wind yesterday

fresh gale from the N.E. and very high

cross sea.

CARGOES.

Per S. S. Seddon, Hongkong to Lon-

don, sailed 16th December, 1877—126,209 lbs.

Convoys, 97,671 lbs. Sc. Caper, and

98,507 lbs. Sc. Fr. Frize—Total 322,380

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

ANY CLAIMS against the German bark "FERDINAND BRUMM," must be sent in to the Undersecretary of the Wednesday, the 26th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

HILCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 24, 1877. de26

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.

CILVERON, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.

COLORADO, American ship, Captain J. Graham.

DAHLBERG, British ship, Captain H. Bates.

DEAN, British ship, Captain H. B. Russell & Co.

CHARTER OAK, American ship, Captain Staples.

JAMES JARDINE, British ship, Captain James Wilson.

JOHN G. L. MACKEY, British ship, Captain John G. L. Mackay.

JOHN H. NEILSON, British ship, Captain John H. Neilson.

JOHN R. PEARCE, British ship, Captain John R. Pearce.

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were left in charge of the Captain of the Port at Manila, and were to be forwarded on here by the first steamer.

The British steamer *Piking*, on her way to London from Hongkong, was aground at Cantare, in the Shoo Canal, on the 22nd October, and had to discharge her cargo to get off.

On the 23rd October last the steamer *Glam Castle* arrived in New York from Yokohama.

W. (Japan Gazette) are given to understand that Mr Michado, who has been British Postmaster in Yokohama for the last eight years, has been promoted, and will shortly leave the shores of Japan for China, the field of his future labours. The day of his departure, however, is not yet settled; but, whenever it does arrive, we are sure Mr Michado will take with him the respect and good wishes of the foreign residents of Yokohama.

From an American paper we learn that the Rev. Samuel Isaac Joseph Scherzerhaw, D.D., was recently consecrated as Missionary Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Shanghai, with jurisdiction over the entire Chinese Empire.

The ceremony, at which seventeen bishops assisted, took place in Grace Church, New York, the venerable Bishop of Kentucky officiating as consecrator.

The newly elected Bishop is of Polish parentage and was educated in the School of the Prophets in Poland. He was the representative of the American Bible Society in their joint work with the British Society of translating the Bible from Hebrew into the Chinese Mandarin dialect.

China.

SHANGHAI.
(News.)

The Tennessee, the flag-ship of the United States Naval squadron, arrived on the 15th, from Japan. This is her first visit since the successor of Rear-Admiral William Reynolds joined her; and now, four out of the five men-of-war in port are under the American flag, the other being H.B.M.'s corvette *Juno*.

We understand that the total applications for the Loan have amounted to £3,700,000, of which about £1,000,000 was applied for in London, and nearly a similar amount in Shanghai. It was expected that it would be taken up readily; but we fancy the actual success has been greater even than the promoters anticipated.

The Governor of Honan estimates the number of persons requiring relief in that province at 2,000,000, and says 300,000 piculs of rice monthly are required to feed them. All the money allotted to the province, together with the grain appropriation, has only enabled the accumulation of some 140,000 a 150,000 piculs.

We learn that the refugees spoken of as on their way to Shanghai have begun to arrive, and that between two and three hundred are sheltered in an old temple at the South Gate. The authorities have with commendable promptness given them assistance, 40 cash to each adult and 20 to each child. Their clothes are old and ragged, and there is no sign of beds or bedding.

But if the Chinese authorities give them as comfortable matches as last year and regular rations, daily, their most pressing necessities will be cured for. It is also to be presumed that the present Taotai will follow the example of his predecessor.

The fifteen steamers that were at Taku ten days ago have all returned to Shanghai, and the Northern trade may now be considered closed for the winter. We have often mentioned, during the last three weeks, that ice was accumulating in the Peiho River, and we understand that it is now about a week since it was closed to navigation above Taku. The steamers *Hsiuei-chen*, *Golden Horn* and *Maharajah* were the last whose cargo had to be lightened by the *Leeyuen*, *Yung-ching* and *Yehien* over the Bar and taken to Taku; these six steamers had all arrived here during the last two days, and the *Maharajah* and *Golden Horn* are now taking in cargo for the South. The majority of the steamers which run on the Northern line, are now either anchored in the river or on the berth for Southern ports.

Some 5,500 bales of silk are said to have been settled since the last mail, and it is expected that the *Dienmen* will probably take over 7,000 bales, including 2,500 kept over from the previous week. The improvement in the aspect of French politics, in consequence of Dufaure's succeeding in forming a Ministry, is, we presume, the chief cause of this large business.

But it is a noteworthy fact that the Chinese do not seem to have been influenced by the news, and this large business has been done without causing any material rise in the market. In fact, it was not till some 4,000 bales had been settled, that a higher rate was established, and the rise has not exceeded Tls. 5 @ 10 a picul. This is a curious, and, we might almost say, unprecedented feature, the Chinese being generally keenly alive to profit by any improvement in the foreign demand. In the present instance, however, it is said, they can replace their stocks at about Tls. 20 a picul less, in the interior; and until yesterday afternoon (19th) they were willing-sellers. We hope it may prove that they, and not foreigners, are mistaken. It is rather curious that nearly as much silk has been bought during the last four days, as during the first four months, of the present season.

Japan.

TOKIO.
(Gazette.)

On the 15th instant, His Excellency, the Minister of Marine, Admiral Kawamura, Admiral Nakamuta, and Akamatsu; Captains Hayashi and Matsunuma; a number of other officers of distinction in H. M. S. Navy; and several Japanese ladies, wives of the above gentlemen, entertained the officers of the English Naval Mission, Imperial Naval College, Tokyo, and their wives, as well as the officers attached to the Elementary Naval School and training ship *Tsukuba-kuton*, at a banquet, at Shiba Kita. Oysters were set for fifty. The dinner was preceded by a very clever display of magic, the magician showing great proficiency both in European and Japanese illusive art. The dining and reception rooms were most tastefully decorated, with flowers and evergreens, and the dinner-table was a marvel of beauty; the centre-piece being a screw steamship-of-war of considerable dimensions, wonderfully accurate in detail, and composed almost entirely of confectionery. The repast was of the most delicate kind, and during its progress the *Tsukubi-kuton*, that as far as has been

attended, nothing was left undone by the hosts to minister to the pleasure of their guests.

It is reported that a boiler explosion took place on 12th Dec. at the Mitte Paper Mill, Tokyo, resulting in the death of two men; and, it is feared, another man is so badly scalded that he will not recover. The engineering department of the mill is entirely under Japanese supervision, the foreign engineer formerly employed having been dismissed two or three months ago. We hear that this accident has been anticipated by foreign engineers acquainted with the state of the boilers, and the managers of the mill have been warned of the danger.

In consequence of the great expense incurred by the Government in the suppression of the Satsuma insurrection, the commencement of the construction of the proposed new Imperial palace has been postponed until next year.

It is apparent from the extract from the log of the *Shinagawa Maru*, contained in Captain Frahm's letter published in another column, that the people of the steamer could not by any possibility have aided the dismasted schooner (supposed to be the *Christine*) which they passed on the 10th ultimo.

The *Vladivostok* left Hakodate for this port, on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 11th instant, two hours before the departure of the *Shato* which arrived on afternoon of 12th at Shinagawa. A passenger by the latter vessel informs us that the *Vladivostok* accompanied by the *Abrak*, which latter arrived from Vladivostok at about the same time as her consort from Yokohama, visited the site of the wrecked gunboat *Abrak* on the West coast of Yesso near Isashi. The vessel is likely to become a complete wreck.

An officer and boat's crew were left to watch the vessel and cargo of stores, the latter estimated at a value of £150,000. The remainder of the officers and crew were brought into Hakodate by the *Abrak*, for transfer as soon as circumstances will admit to Vladivostok.

The *Shato* Mora encountered very bad weather off Imabari Saki, on her passage down from Hakodate. She was hove to for twelve hours on the 13th instant. At about 10 a.m. she shipped a very heavy sea, which started the deck forward, carrying away the binnacle, and smashing sky-lights, and wheel-house, injuring slightly with broken glass the men at the wheel, and all but washing one of the officers overboard. Some of the Japanese passengers were seriously alarmed.

In the Court at Kanagawa Mr H. Graert, agent for the German ship *Madagascar*, has recovered £2000 damage from a Japanese trader for failure to carry out a charter-party he had made to Hakodate and Shanghai.

The *Hochi Shinbun* says—Lieut.-Colonel Yamazawa, who was sent to Paris by the War Department to study the art of war in Europe, accompanies the Russians in their campaign against the Turks. He has endured many dangers and privations, often risking his life, and has made memoranda of his views and experiences. The Russian Ministry have bestowed a decoration on this brave Lieut.-Colonel.

Captain Jourdan, of the French Military Mission, appeared before the Daio-Kwan on the 16th instant, for the purpose of receiving the decoration of the fourth class of the order of merit.

About one hundred and eighty Japanese of Osaki had received, up to the 11th instant, licenses to open places of business in Corse.

The *Nichi Nichi Shinbun* says that, yesterday, the 16th, being the day appointed for the rifle match arranged by Imperial Army, navy and police officers, the members of the *Kioto-shabakai* (Rifle Club) assembled in the grounds of the Military College of Toyama, where the competition took place. Some foreigners in the service of the Japanese Government, and many others who are fond of shooting, arrived at seven o'clock. At eight a cannon was fired as a signal that the shooting was to commence, and a band played while the firing was going on. A temporary building, covering an area of about nine tsuji, to shelter the contestants, had been erected and was gaily decorated with the national flags and those of Treaty Powers. The prizes were conspicuously displayed in the centre of the building. At noon another gun was fired; and the match was suspended for an hour, commencing again at 1 p.m., and finally terminating at 4 p.m. Colonel Murata, the celebrated marksman, won the first prize; Adjutant Tase (Murata's brother) the second; Lieut.-General Soga the third.

(Mail.)

The *Choya Shinbun* says that the decoration of the 4th Class of the Order of the Rising Sun has been conferred on M. de Bouquet, formerly attached to the *Genro-In*.

The Tokio *Fu* has memorialized the Central Government concerning the advisability of prohibiting the selling of newspapers in the streets by the sellers crying out the contents of the papers, as they at times cry out in a loud voice certain events before the very houses where they occurred.

The branch of the Second National Bank which has been established at Mayebashi in Joshi, has done very well this season in silk, and as the price of that article lately advanced very considerably, the Bank has made a profit of some 80,000 yen.

(Nagasaki.)

(Cosmopolitan Press.)

We understand that a Japanese man-of-war will be despatched to the Black Sea for the purpose of observing the operations during the war.

We regret to find the report confirmed that Capt. Ward of the Mito Biishi steamer *Akitushima Maru* was drowned at sea. He had many friends in Nagasaki who will mourn his loss.

A gentle upheaval of the earth's surface took place during the storm of wind and rain which prevailed on the afternoon of Thursday last. The phenomenon was accompanied by two loud peals of thunder, no lightning was observed; however the gentleness of this shock did not prevent doors and windows being put out of working order, and much inconvenience especially in the earlier erections of Nagasaki. This looks promising, as our Port would be none the worse for a life.

Now that the U. S. Flag Ship *Portsmouth* is in port, we tender her officers a hearty welcome, and hope they will be induced to give us a musical treat ere leaving.

We wonder why the vine is not cultivated in Japan with a view to producing wines &c. Therefrom. This in itself would be a great step towards Protection, and the juice of the grape would provide a more healthy stimulant than that obtained from the fermentation of rice. With a good cheap wine produced in the country—a sake and its mademaking effects would be unknown, and the rice saved for a better purpose.

A new conjecture comes to us from the *Tomori Shinbun*, that as Japan has been desolated by a serious epidemic, that of

cholera, it is going to be inflicted with another—the establishment of Banks, the number of which increase every day. It is to be feared, says the same journal, that these new scourges will have more victims, for these institutions are constructed, and built up on a paper foundation; whereas but little metal forms part of the structure, and therefore not to be solid in consequence.

It is pleasant to notice the compliment paid to me by Kraatz on his departure for Europe. Acting as Consul for France Mr Kraatz seems to have earned the respect and esteem of all nationalities, and the love of his compatriots. We wish him the enjoyment of a higher post to which he is so justly entitled.

OSAKA.

In October the population of Osaka was 500,028; the births were 1,415 and the deaths 2,505. It is said that the average number of deaths per month in Osaka is about 1,000, and that the extra deaths during October were due to the cholera.

Mr Yamamoto, editor of the *Nippon*, who has been imprisoned for a month, was released on the 2nd. He again attended the office on the 4th and reports that the new wretches in prison are healthy. They are allowed a walk once in three days, but a bath not often. The windows have no paper screens and the cold wind attacks them. They are weaker than other prisoners and feel the cold more.

A letter from Kagoshima, dated the 23rd of November, gives the following report: Kagoshima is becoming quiet and the people are returning from Sakurajima and other places, but the women are afraid, on account of 2,000 soldiers being in the town, and hesitate about returning. The soldiers are going about in the town and country, and in consequence some shizoku have started a rumor that Saigo was not killed, that he is in the mountains or at sea, and that when his refuge has been discovered the war will be re-opened—which is why the military and police are armed with Japanese swords. Hearing this rumor, some merchants are not rebuilding their houses. It is said that three battalions of Kagoshima will be sent back that a battalion will be sent from the Kumamoto barracks and that the rifles of the policemen will be exchanged for staves. It is also said that this change has been made in Miyasaki.

(Nagasaki Express.)

On Friday last, during the occasion of the return salute which was being fired from the battery here in reply to the Chinese frigate, *Ho-ho*, two reports were observed to occur almost simultaneously. And it was generally supposed at the time that some accident had happened to the firing party, which an enquiry was found to be the case, as it appears that owing to ignition of the charge while being rammed home, resulting from imperfect stoppage of the vent, one of the gunners was blown to pieces, and another so seriously injured as to need immediate removal to the hospital. As this is the second instance of the kind, within a short period, it will probably occur to the men employed in serving these guns that their usual general laxity of discipline, and in their manner of doing things, is not advisable when they are dealing with explosive substances.

ARRIVAL OF THE CHINESE MINISTER AT YOKOHAMA.

(Gazette, Dec. 17.)

The Chinese Minister, Ho, whose advent in Yokohama has been so long expected, and in some instances anticipated, has at length arrived, accompanied by a Vice Minister, Chang, and other officials. The man-of-war *Ho-ho*, which brought His Excellency and suite, arrived in the harbour yesterday morning, between nine and ten o'clock. The German frigate *Elisabeth*, just leaving on her way to Honoloul, at the *Ho-ho* came into port, saluted the Chinese Ambassador. After having anchored, the *Ho-ho* hoisted the Japanese flag and fired a salute, which compliment was laudably acknowledged by the Kanagawa fort at noon.

The *Ho-ho* fell in with some shipwrecked Japanese on her way from Kobe.

On the 12th and 13th the weather was exceedingly boisterous, and a large junk, called the *Soye Maru*, laden with 410 bags of rice, founders. The crew, seven men in all, lashed themselves to a raft formed of spars, and were tossed about at the mercy of the waves for two days, when the *Ho-ho* hove in sight, and, according to the Chinese, wafted them to shore. They were thoroughly exhausted; and notwithstanding the kind treatment they received on the Chinese man-of-war, one of their number succumbed to the hardships taken on board. On the *Ho-ho* arriving in port yesterday morning, the shipwrecked men were sent to the Koncho.

From what we can learn of the intentions

of His Excellency Ho, his purposes staying

three days in Yokohama, but declines

residings on shore, owing to the inconveniences he would be likely to experience in numerous calls on the part of his elated

countrymen. To-day His Excellency and suite had dinner at the *Kensho*; and to-morrow they will be entertained by mem-

bers of the Chinese Guild at the Chinese Club.

At the end of three days the embassy will proceed to Tokio, where it is

arranged that the two Ministers will per-

manently remain. A Consul, however,

two other Consuls are among the suite of His Ex-

cillency, one of whom will be sent to either Kobe or Osaka,—most probably the latter place, as a larger number of Chineses reside there than in Kobe—and the remaining Consul will take up his residence in Nagasaki.

The landing of the Celestials was effected

at three o'clock. There was no particular

demonstration on the occasion, beyond the

fact of an enormous crowd having assembled,

two carriages only were waiting to receive

the party; and into one of these the two

ministers got as soon as they landed; and

were driven immediately to the *Kensho*.

Two more of the important personages

seated themselves in the second carriage,

and were conspicuous for some time owing

to the ponies having an objection to

proceed. The occupants of the vehicle kept

their seats like stones, without moving a

muscle, until the living horses were coaxed

to proceed. The rest of the embassy pro-

ceeded in jinrikishas winding their way

through the crowd as best they could.

After remaining at the *Kensho* about a

quarter of an hour, the Ministerial party

proceeded to the Town Hall, where a

few words had been provided for them.

A good deal of powder has been expended during the day, but on the occasion of the Minis-

terial's landing, and during its progress the

Chinese have played a selection of air-

saws, which has been

described by a serious epidemic, that of

small

Mails.

NOTICE.
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SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
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SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
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BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
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ON THURSDAY, the 27th December, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *DENMARK*, Commandant CHAMPENOIS, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specs and Parcels until 3 p.m. On the 26th December, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUY,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1877.



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For further Particulars, apply to

A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 20, 1877.

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 3rd January, 1878. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 18, 1877.

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Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

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By Order,
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Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

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THE Dwelling House and Offices No. 1, D'Angular Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
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The Bungalow No. 17, Wellington Street.
Apply to
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Hongkong, December 4, 1877.

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Possession on the 1st January, 1878.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1877.

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Hongkong, April 17, 1877.

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